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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/501,658  
Applicants: Hirotaka Kawabata, et al.  
Filed: July 15, 2004  
Title: REFRIGERANT COMPRESSOR AND REFRIGERATING  
MACHINE USING THE SAME  
TC/A.U.: 3746  
Examiner: Patrick Hamo  
Confirmation No.: 4898  
Docket No.: MAT-8577US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **February 20, 2008**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **9** of this paper.